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IN RE APPLICATION OF

CUENOUD ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/696,488

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FOR: 2'-SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDES AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

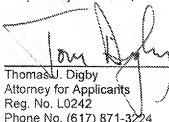
Sir:

The Office Action of June 13, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 13, 2006.

A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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